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YET, THEY WOULD BREATHE EVEN LESS EASILY, IF THEY KNEW WHO WAS OBSERVING THEM IN THEIR HOUR OF SORROW...

SO...THE ACCURSED MENTOR OF THE X-MEN IS DEAD AT LAST!

MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE WHO SNUFFED OUT HIS WORTHLESS LIFE...AND NOT I, **MAGNETO!**

AT ANY RATE, NOW IS THE TIME TO GATHER MY FORCES TO STRIKE AGAINST THEM!

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WHERE IS THAT INFERNAL HUMAN TORPEDO?

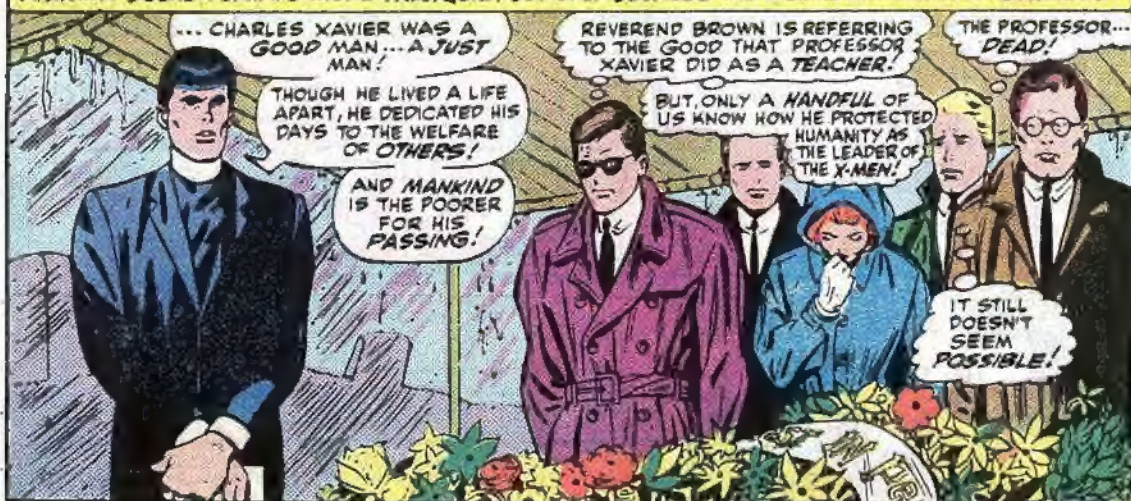
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BUT, EVEN AS MAGNETO RAGES, LET US VIEW THE SCENE WHICH THE EVIL MUTANT WAS OBSERVING FROM AFAR... A SCENE PERHAPS MORE TRANQUIL, BUT ONLY BECAUSE THE OCCASION IS ONE OF SADNESS...



... CHARLES XAVIER WAS A GOOD MAN... A JUST MAN!

THOUGH HE LIVED A LIFE APART, HE DEDICATED HIS DAYS TO THE WELFARE OF OTHERS!

AND MANKIND IS THE POORER FOR HIS PASSING!

REVEREND BROWN IS REFERRING TO THE GOOD THAT PROFESSOR XAVIER DID AS A TEACHER!

THE PROFESSOR... DEAD!

BUT, ONLY A HANDFUL OF US KNOW HOW HE PROTECTED HUMANITY AS THE LEADER OF THE X-MEN!

IT STILL DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE!



HE WAS TAKEN FROM US TOO SOON...

AND WE SHALL MISS HIM!

YES, AND MORE THAN MISS HIM! FOR, HE FILLED US WITH A SENSE OF MISSION... TO DEFEND THE WORLD AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE CALLED EVIL MUTANTS!

STEADY, JEAN! THE PROFESSOR WOULD WANT IT THAT WAY!

I... I KNOW, SCOTT!

I WONDER... WILL ANY OF US BE ABLE TO LIVE UP TO WHAT HE EXPECTED OF US?



MEANWHILE, IN THE STREETS OF A NEARBY TOWN...

OHMM...

OUT OF MY WAY!

I MUST GET THRU... WITHOUT DELAY!

IT'S... A MAN! BUT, MOVING FASTER THAN AN EXPRESS TRAIN!



THEN, VANISHING SO QUICKLY THAT THE STUNNED SPECTATORS ARE STILL UNSURE OF THEIR SENSES, THE FLEETING FIGURE REACHES THE COUNTRYSIDE...

FASTER! MUST HAVE MORE SPEED!

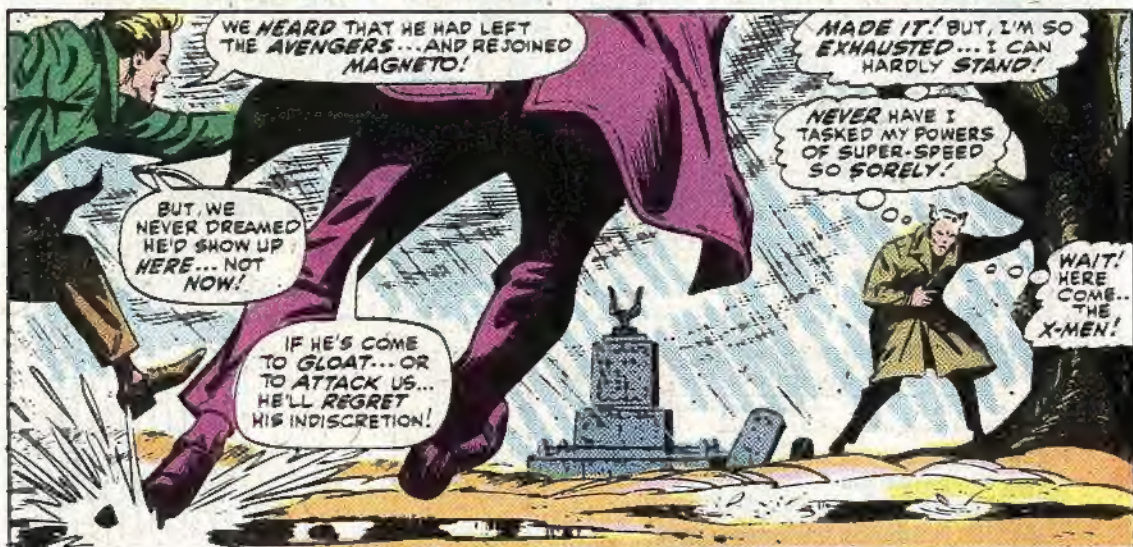
IF I'M TOO LATE... I COULD NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF...



AND, MERE SECONDS LATER...

MADE IT... AND THERE ARE THE X-MEN!

MUST KEEP OUT OF SIGHT... SO THEY DON'T NOTICE ME!



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OUT OF THE SERVICE, I RAN INTO MY OLD BUDDY, PETE.

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MAKING OUT?

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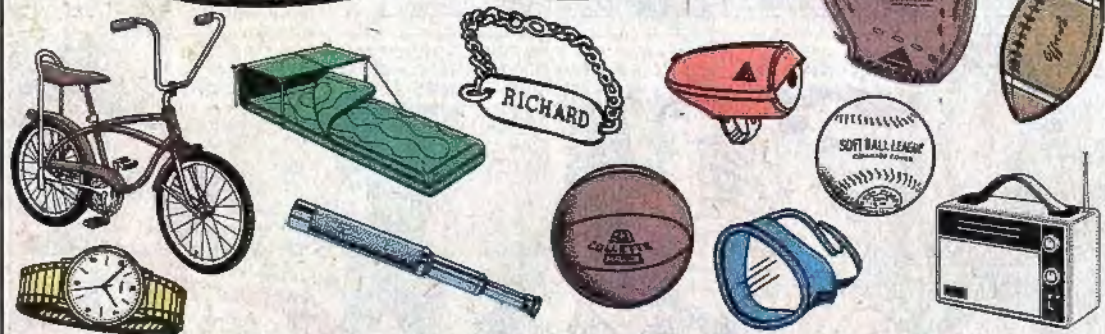
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THEN, ANGRILY, MAGNETO **CEASES** HIS MONITORING... TO RETURN TO HIS PERNICIOUS PLOTTING... AND SO **MISSSES** WHAT OCCURS A SHORT TIME LATER, BACK AT THE SCHOOL...

I WISH THAT THE PROFESSOR'S OTHER FRIENDS HAD MANAGED TO ATTEND!

THEY WERE WITH US IN SPIRIT... AND WILL SHARE OUR SENSE OF LOSS!

BUT, AGENT DUNCAN OF THE F.B.I. DARED NOT COME... LEST SOMEONE WONDER WHY!

AND THE BANSHEE WAS ABSENT ON A MISSION... SO THAT WE COULDN'T REACH HIM!

BUT NOW, THERE'S SOMETHING... WE MUST DO...!

NEXT, STRIDING ACROSS THE ROOM TO A **BUTTON** CONCEALED BEHIND A PASTORAL PAINTING...

PROFESSOR XAVIER TOLD ME TO PRESS THIS... IF EVER HE... LEFT US!

THE FOLLOWING MOMENT, A CLEVERLY-CONCEALED **PANEL** IN A NEARBY WALL OPENS, TO REVEAL...

IT'S SOME SORT OF STRANGE PROJECTOR... WHICH EVEN WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT!

WHY CAN THE PROFESSOR HAVE HIDDEN IT THUS... EVEN FROM US?

I'M SURE HE MUST HAVE HAD A REASON, JEAN!

LOOK! ALREADY THE LIGHTS ARE STARTING TO AUTOMATICALLY DIM!

THEN, I SUGGEST WE ALL TAKE OUR PLACES...

AND PERHAPS THIS ENTIRE MYSTERY WILL SOON UNRAVEL ITSELF!

SECONDS LATER, A SORROWFULLY FAMILIAR FACE APPEARS ON A LOWERED SCREEN...

PROFESSOR XAVIER!

HIS IMAGE SEEMS SO SAD... YET RESIGNED!

LISTEN, MY X-MEN, TO THIS MESSAGE I'VE PREPARED FOR YOU TO HEAR... AFTER MY DEATH!

I'VE SO MUCH TO SAY... AND A FINAL REQUEST TO MAKE OF YOU... AND SO LITTLE TIME... SO LITTLE TIME!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE'RE HEARING HIS VOICE... FOR THE LAST TIME!

IS THERE ANYTHING HE COULD ASK OF US... THAT WE WOULDN'T DO??

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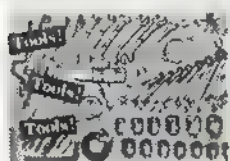
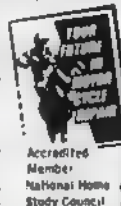


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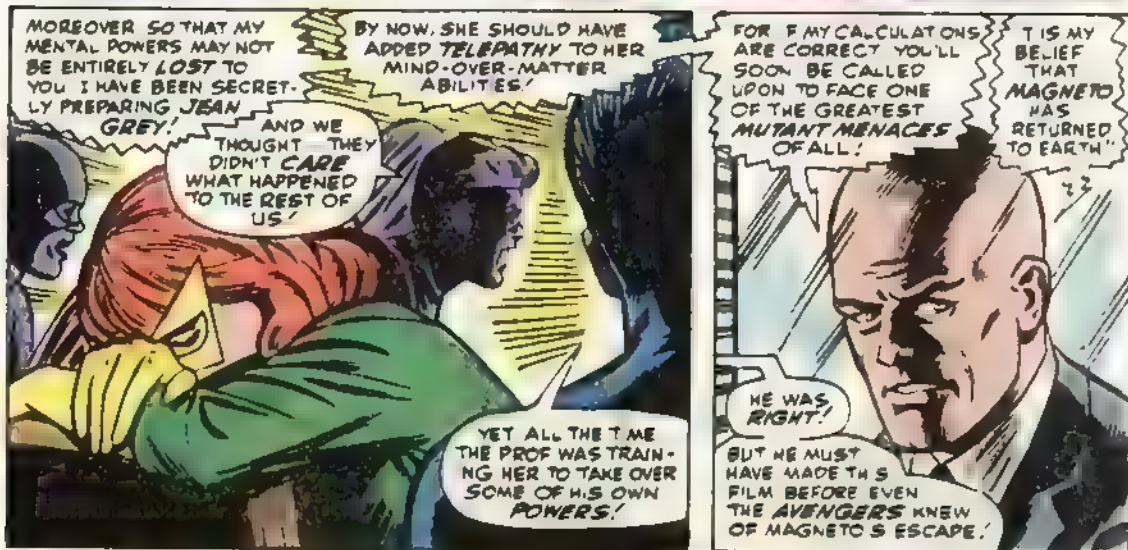
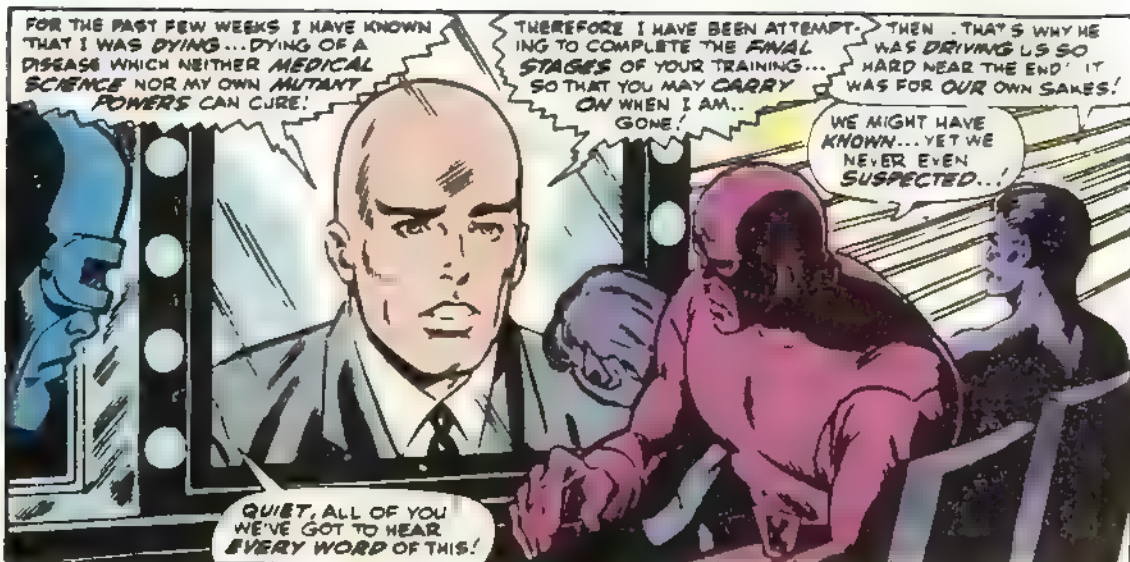
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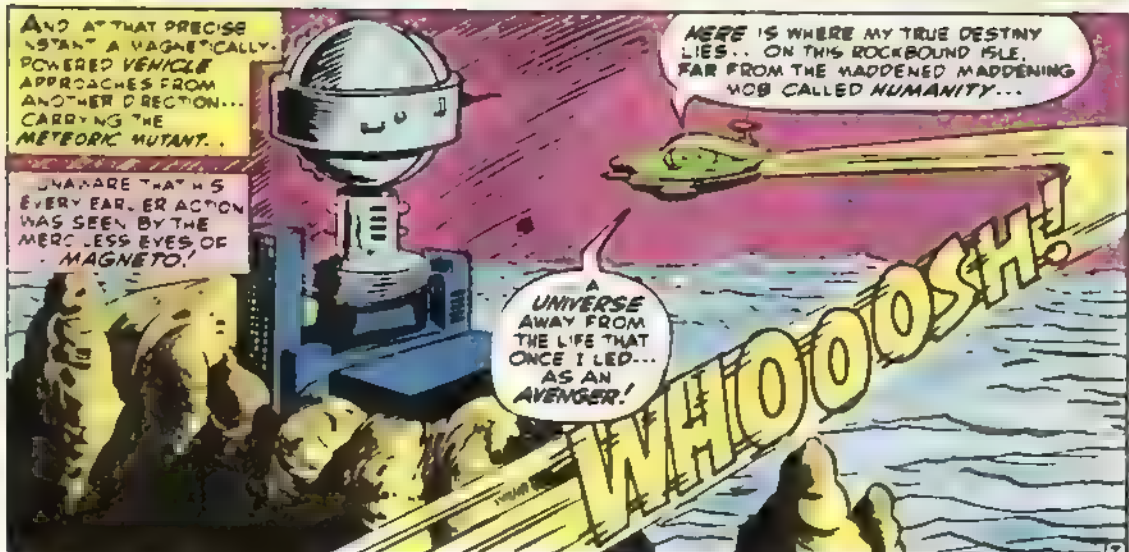
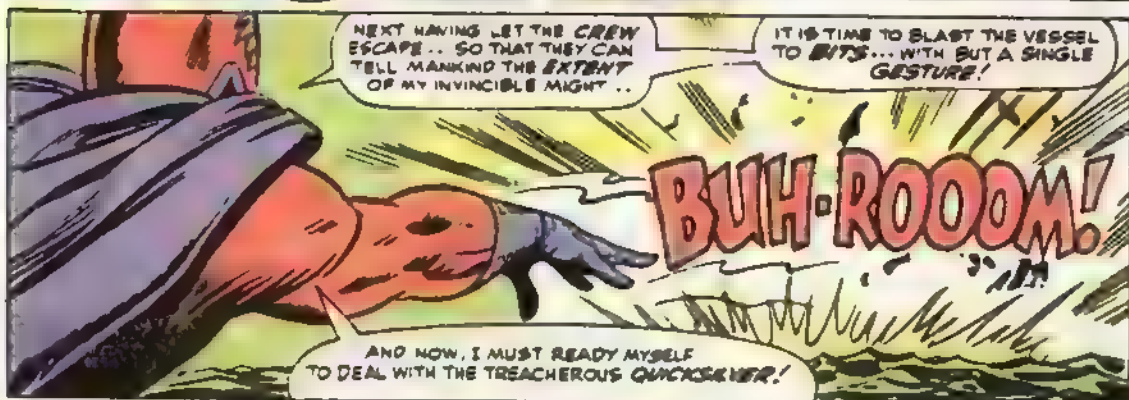
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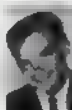
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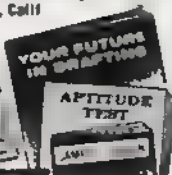
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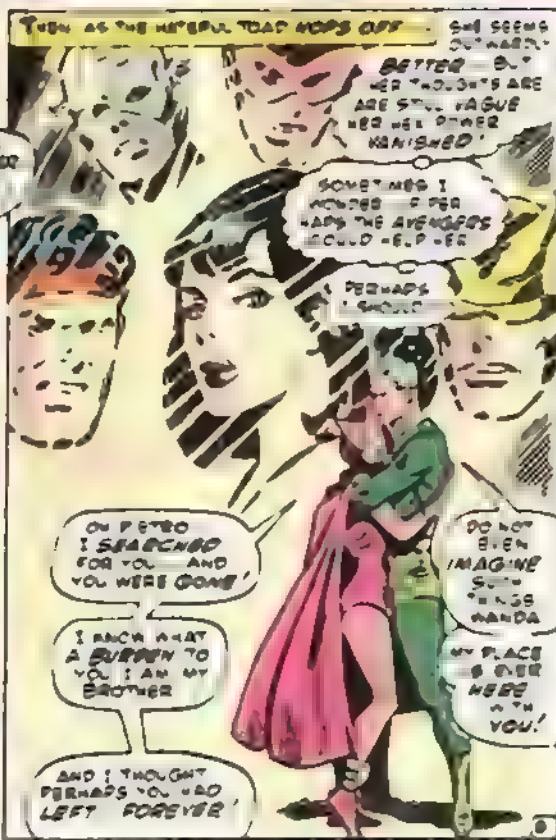
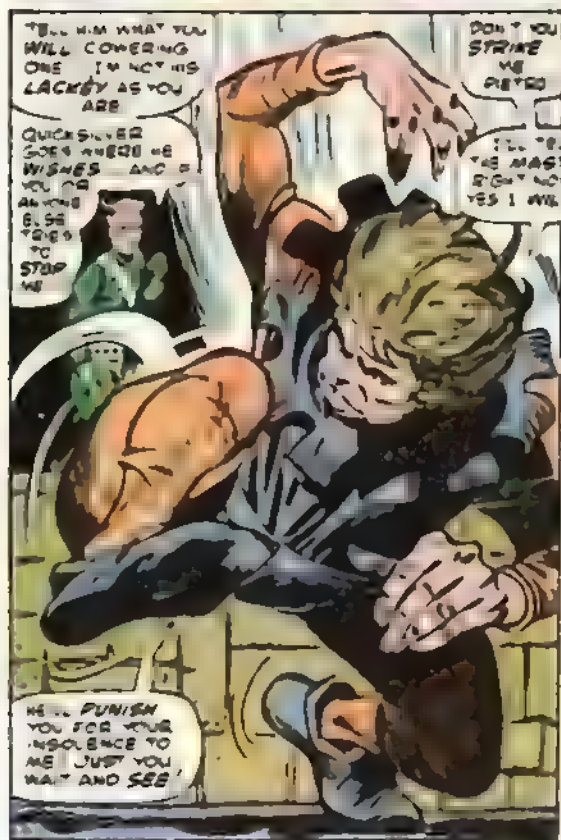
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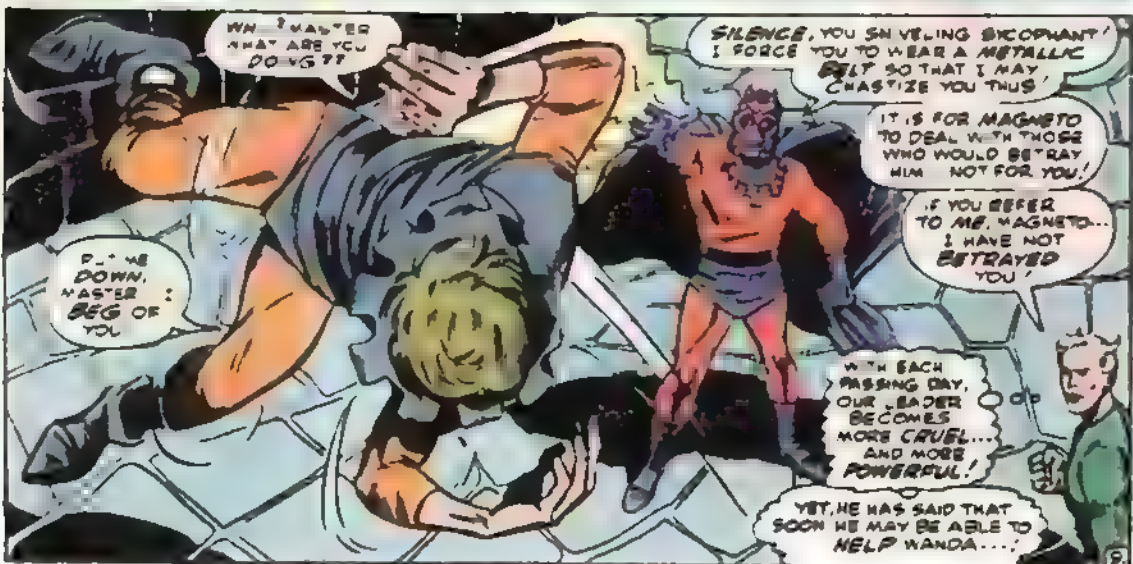
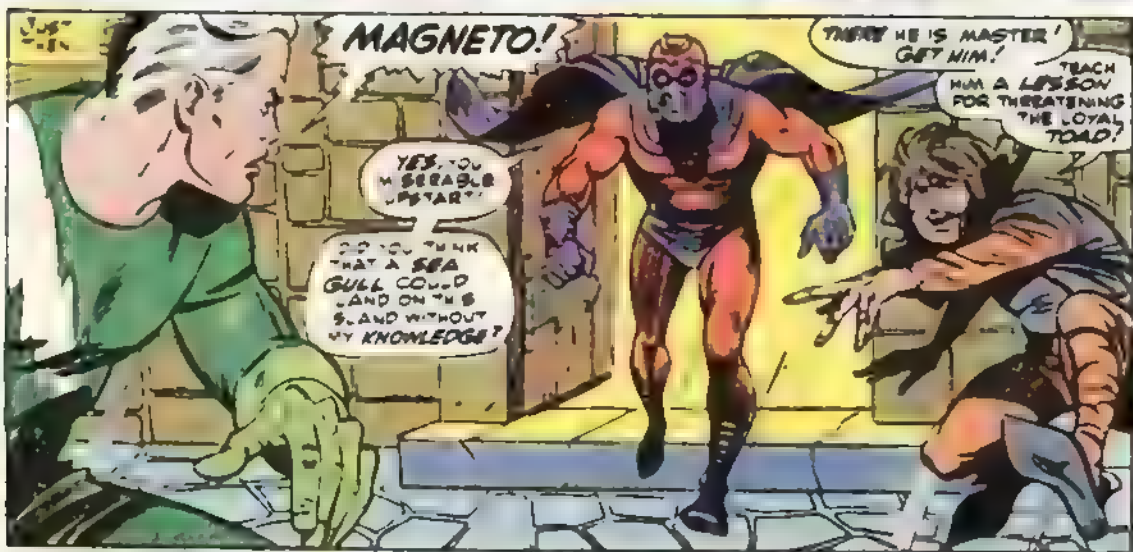
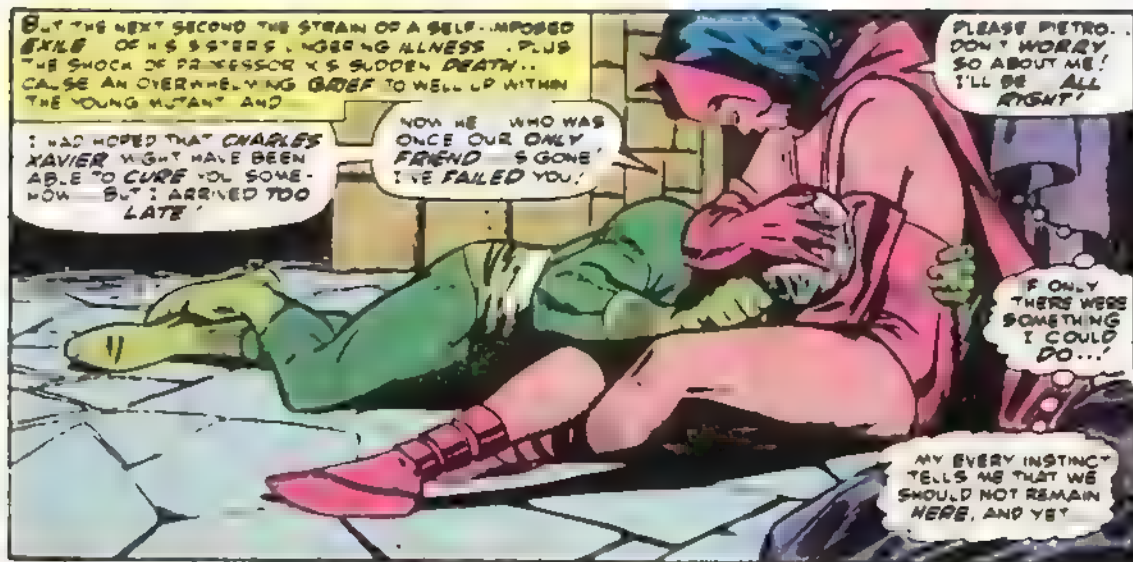
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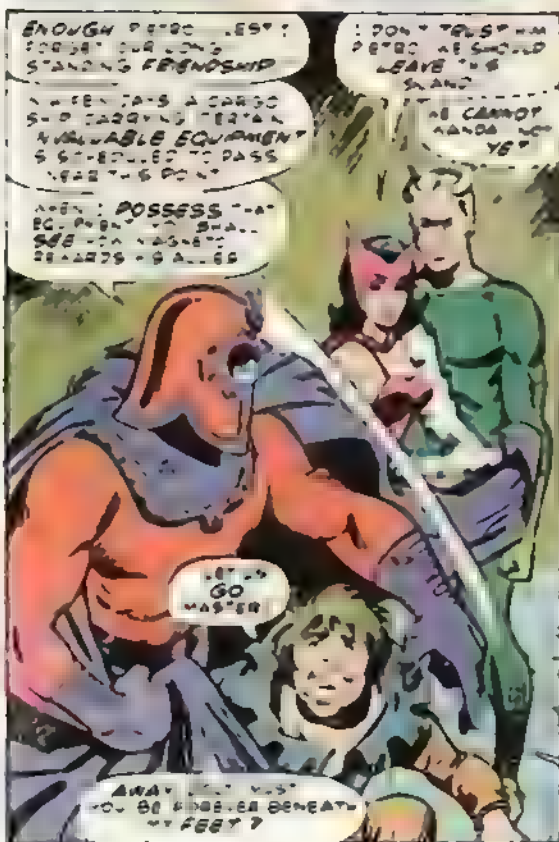
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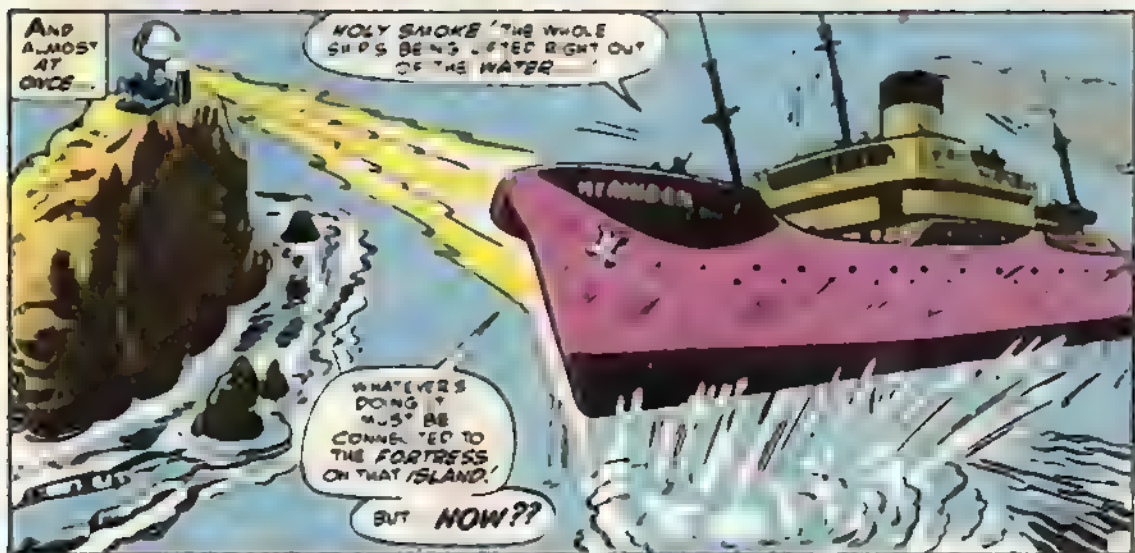
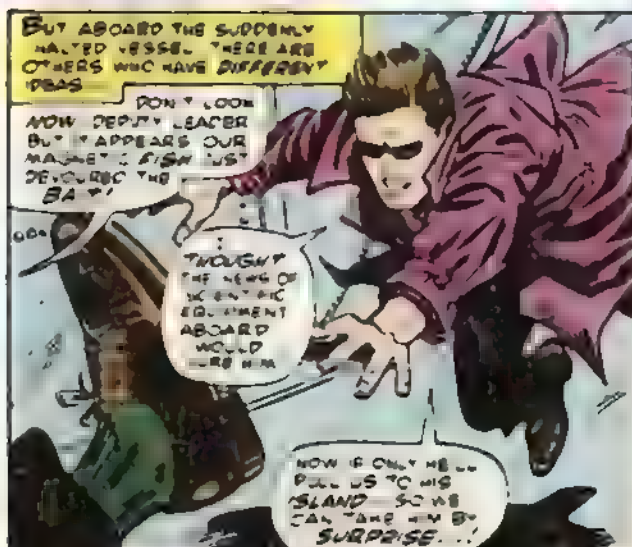
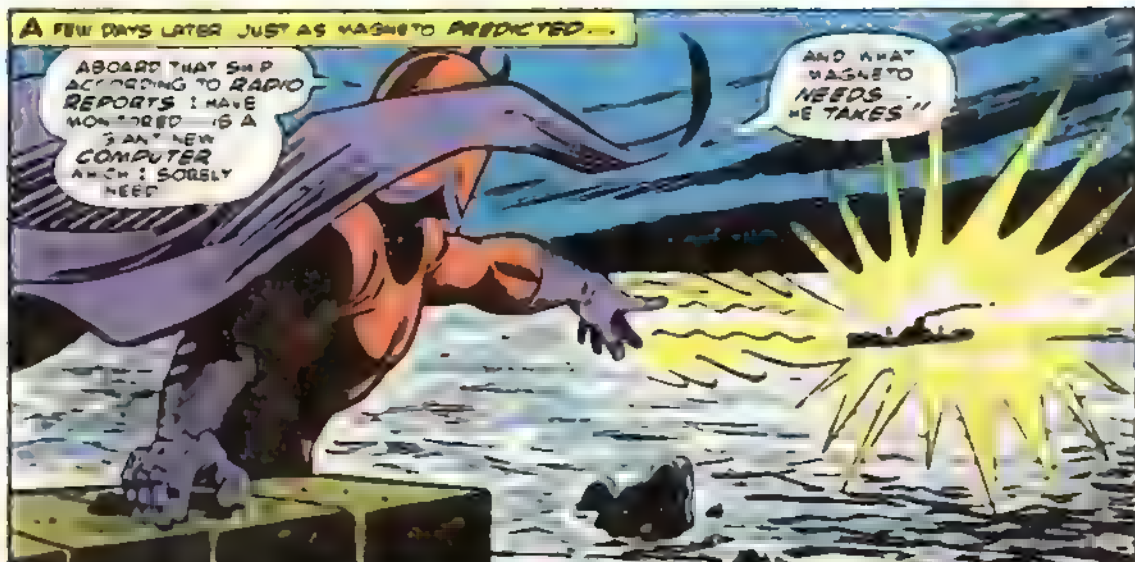
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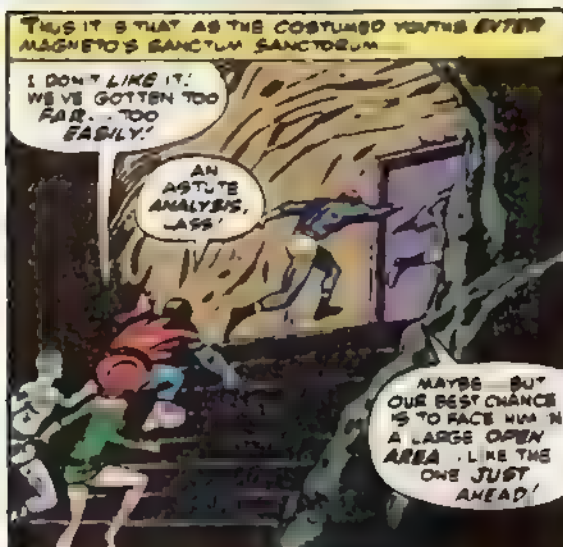












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NOTES AND TIPS OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE OF FISHES

Boyl! I was so long winded last ish, telling you all about our mighty Marvel Calendar and the great new ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS both of which ought to be on sale right about now, as well as our HITLER documentary mag, plus NOSTALGIA ILLUSTRATED and the TREASURY OF SPIDER MAN that I promised Roy and the gang I'd stifle myself a little this time in order to leave them a few paragraphs to tell you about the zillion other wonderments from the hallowed halls of Marvel!

So, in order to give you a breather — and let the Bullpen carry the ball — I'll just take a minute to mention what a great time I had lecturing at the University of New Hampshire recently and what a kick it was to receive the Popular Culture Association's Award of Excellence a few weeks ago in Milwaukee. You should have seen upwards of two thousand college students professors deans, and other dwellers in the rarified atmosphere of academia praising the merit and the miracle of Marveldom! Verily 'twas a fete to remember! I can hardly tell you what a great source of satisfaction it is to know that with your help we've made the art of comic books widely respected, universally accepted and avidly acclaimed both here and overseas. Yep, I've gotta admit it — we're a great team you and your blusshin Bullpen!

And now unless Iron Man finds a pin up of Aunt May in Conan's foot locker I promise to cue you in on what's happening with our latest pulse pounding project — the feature-length live action Spider Man movie now in preparation — the next time we meet!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! We know it's a wee bit late, for those of you who've already picked up on our liltin' lineup of 75c and \$1 magazines — and who hasn't? — but we thought we'd best clue you in officially. Ye Editor in Chief (that's ROY THOMAS for you old timers out there) has formally appointed a couple of new Editors to help him out with our ever burgeoning titles. First there's Marvelous MARY WOLFGMAN, who's being kept busy with DRACULA LIVES VAMPIRE TALES and our zestfully zany CRAZY MAG while Roy himself keeps his hand in with SAVAGE TALES SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN and our new science fiction mag, the first issue of which (tentatively titled WORLDS UNKNOWN Vol. 2 No. 1 last time we looked) should be on sale even as we speak! That leaves TONY 'The Tiger' 'SABILLA' aided and abetted by Cheerful CHRIS CLAREMONT, to preside over

the bulk (and we do mean bulk!) of black and white masterpieces. And wouldn't you know that with no less than four guys working full-time there's still more than the poor guys and our overworked production staff can handle!

ITEM! Let's hear a hearty 'Welcome Aboard!' for a contingent of dynamic new artists who hail from the far-off Philippines and who're adapting by leaps and bounds to the Mighty Marvel style of dramatic storytelling! First there's Tremendously Talented TONY deZUNIGA, who's currently earning hordes of new fans illustrating tales of Dracula and the Coen, as well as emulating the Ka Zar epics in SAVAGE TALES. Next there's the Awesome ALFREDO ALCALA, already earning kudos in the pages of ZOMBIE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN and elsewhere (Alfredo, believe it or don't pencils and inks some sixty pages per month of beautiful finely detailed artwork). Thirdly there's Sammi SONNY TRINIDAD whose Morbus and Dracula stories soon will chill you to the marrow, and then there's Starling STEVE GAN whose Brak the Barbarian sagas in SAVAGE TALES are setting sword and sorcery fandom on its collective ear! In addition there are several other up-and-coming young artists who will soon be thrilling you in the pages of our black and white block busters — all presided over at our Eastern Hemispheric Branch by Tony's ever lovin' spouse MARY deZUNIGA, who keeps all those pandemonious pages moving across the wide Pacific. They're all knocking themselves out so let them — and us — know how you feel about their efforts in the months to come, okay?

ITEM! Here's a hale and hearty hello to DAVID ANTHONY KRAFT (hereinafter referred to as DAVE), who's piped him self aboard to help Dauntless DON McGREGOR proofread all our color comics. Not only is Dave a scribe to watch in his own write as someone once said, but he's also a demon literary agent in his spare time! Don and Dave are backed up, in turn, by Roy's new Person Friday, Impish IRENE VARTANOFF, who's been active in fan circles for years and who's now overseeing our rhapsodic reprints and letters pages (when she isn't working on her Master's Thesis, that is — nobody rests at night among the batty Bullpen!) Like we said — welcome, one and all!

ITEM! It's not all unmitigated good news this month though. Both DON HECK and GIL KANE's lovely wife ELAINE were in separate auto accidents, from which they're both recuperating (and doing nicely we're overjoyed to say). Likewise, Lethal LARRY HAMA burned his fingers slightly in a freak electrical accident at the studio he shares with DICK GIORDANO, NEAL ADAMS, RALPH REESE, and others Dick, Neal, et al. stepped in like troopers to help him finish off the current Iron Fist episode

— for which thanks, both from us and from the legion of kung fu fans the world over! (Whew! And you wondered why editors get gray hairs!?)

ITEM! Anybody out there catch Big JIM HARMON, West Coast Editor of our photo-filled MONSTERS OF THE MOVIES mag, on a recent edition of the NBC TV show Knowledge — or else on a certain nationally syndicated news program? It seems that ever since we hired J.H. to edit the magazine he's been simultaneously discovered by the media men of the land as well! (Just keep pluggin' M.O.M., Jim — not that you need any hints from us!)

ITEM! Can't resist sneaking in a plug for our newest nutty nonsense mag — for those of you who've made CRAZY the toast of the town (mainly Hoboken, New Jersey). This one's for those of you who like your humor flavored with a touch of the macabre — a hint of the horrible — a pinch of the mysterious. And — are you ready for this? — the name of our new chills-and-chuckles sensation is **ARRGH!** (No, I'm not, that's not our reaction to it; that's the title **ARRGH!** Pick up a copy today — and go **ARRGH!** yourself! 'Nuff said!

Just a last minute reminder that the MIGHTY MARVEL CALENDAR FOR 1975 is just going on sale in real live book stores from coast to coast! We think you'll find it \$3.95 well spent (how's that for soft sell?) But, you know muddled up Marvel we always have to let a typo or two sneak thru just to give you something to hunt for. So, we'll offer a shiny new no-prize to the first dozen Calendar purchasers who spot which day of the year is accidentally printed twice (while one day was omitted entirely). No fair finding other boobies, now — you know how insecure we get!

ITEM! That's all we've got room for on this page — but there's an extra item or three on our Bullpen Bonus Page elsewhere in this issue. We wouldn't want you to think we've been idle now, would we? See you there, Marvelophile!

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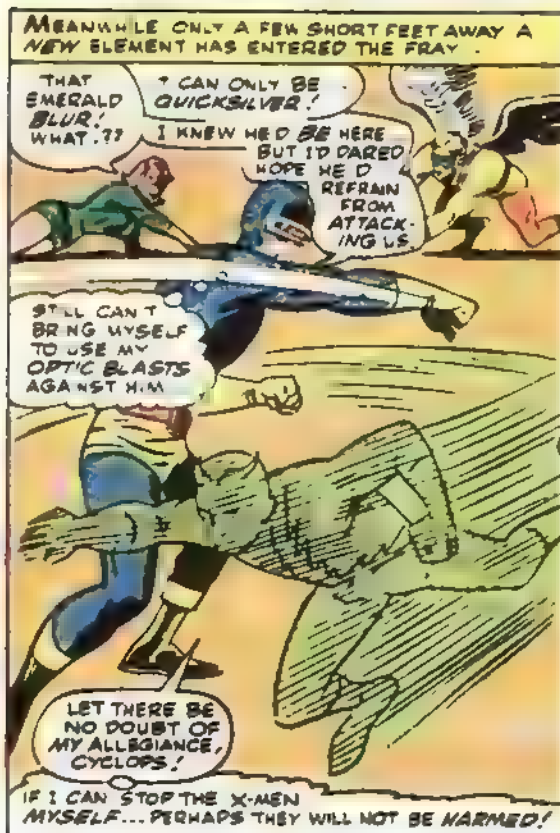
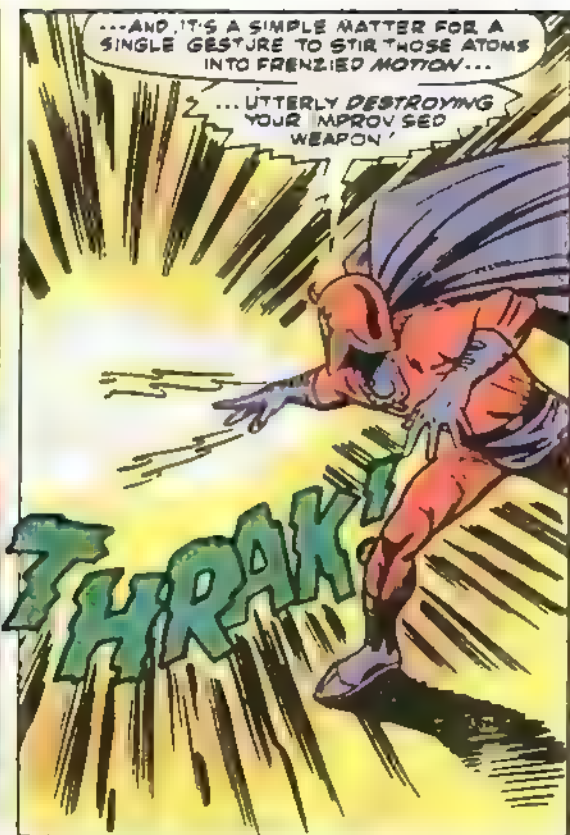
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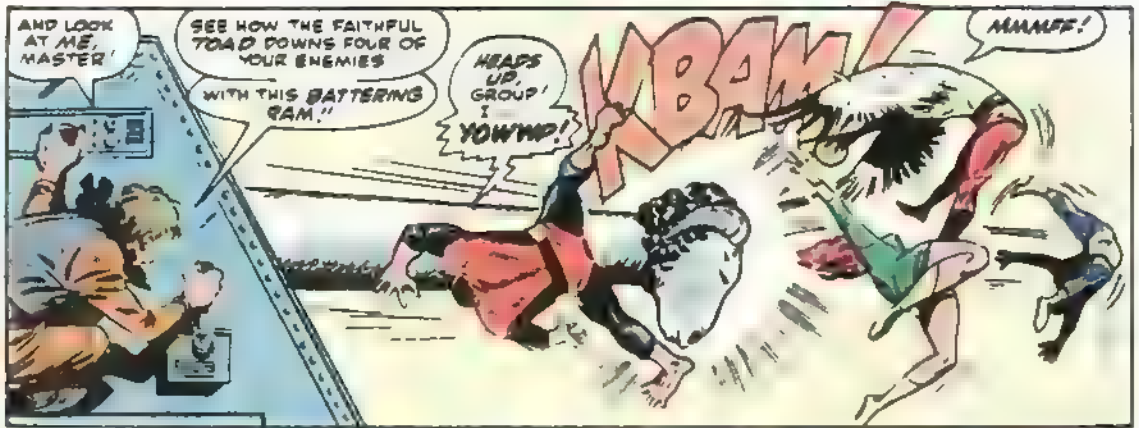
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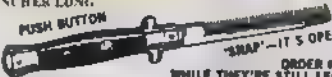
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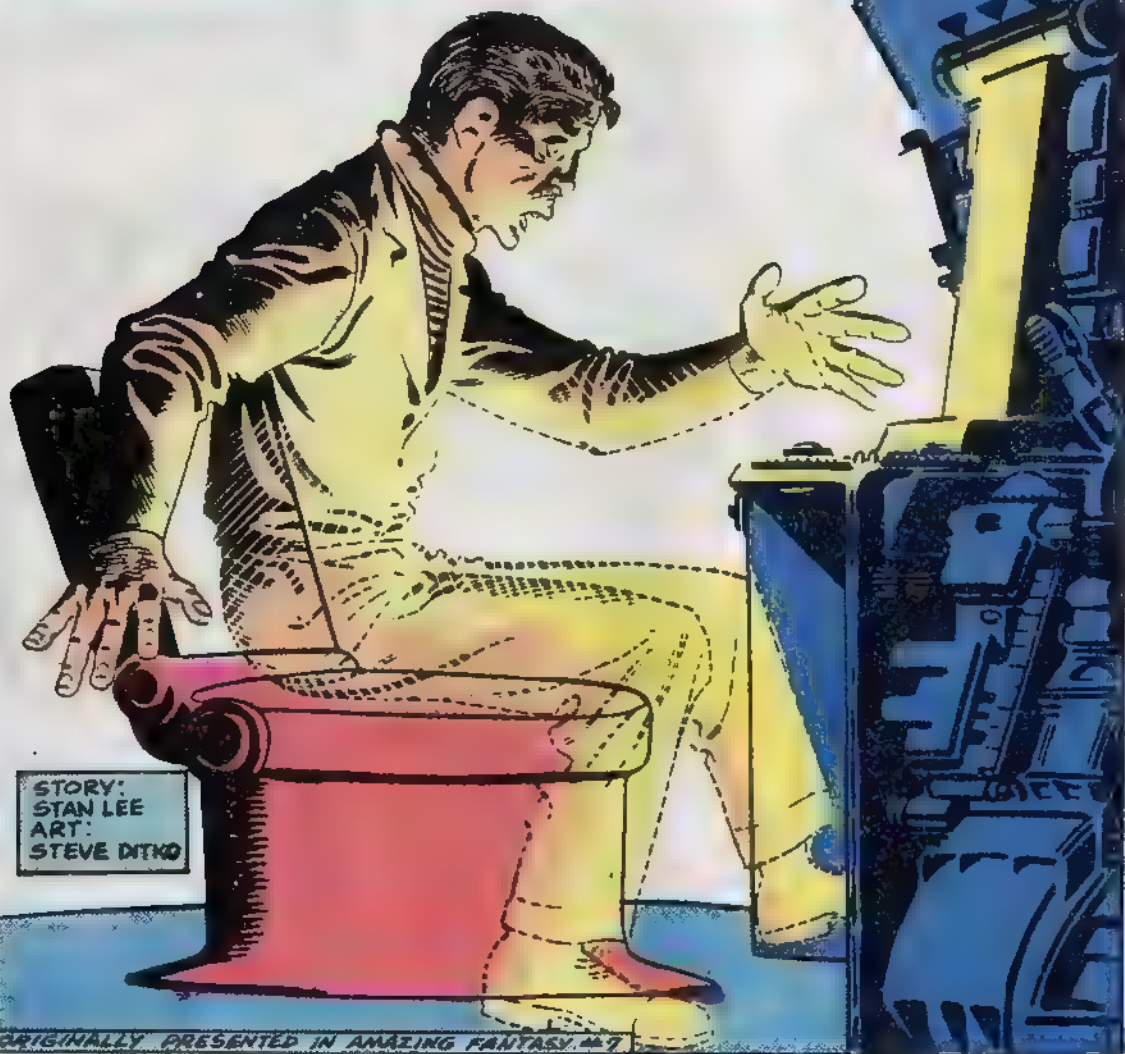
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ITEM! Ever wonder why one writer or artist gives up a feature to another? Well here's a case in point. At almost the same time recently that **STEVE (Baby) GERBER** got an overwhelming urge to write our **DEFENDERS** spectacular, it seems that Live-it-up **LEN WEIN** got a similar itch to script a lone wolf superhero like **DAREDEVIL**. The first Ye Editor knew of it was when the pair marched into my office in tandem and said they'd like to trade books for a while. I figured each of 'em would bring a new and infectious enthusiasm to already popular mags, so I okayed the deal. Ditto with Len and Merry **GERRY CONWAY**, who're trading writing chores on **FANTASTIC FOUR** and **MARVEL TEAM UP**, mainly so that Ger can handle virtually all of the many Spider Man pages which are unleashed by the House of Marvel every month (All that is, except those which are scripted by an obscure newcomer named **JEANIE THOMAS** — no relation to Ye Editor except by marriage — for our nefarious new title **SPIDEY SUPER STORIES**, published in conjunction with TV's Electric Company, big brother to Sesame Street!)

ITEM! It's the hit of fandom — in just one earth shattering issue! Ordinarily, that's the kind of remark we'd be making about a single new title right? But

in this case, it's equally true of both of our new one-dollar wonders, **PLANET OF THE APES** and **THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN!** Already the artistry of **PLOOG**, **TUSKA**, and **MOENCH** is being hailed by gorillaphiles the world over already, our swarthy Cummerian (as interpreted by **BUSCEMA**, **SMITH**, and the like) has gained a new Hyborian Legion of enthusiastic admirers! And with the second issues of these wondrous winners — now on sale — there can no longer be any doubt. It's the Marvel Age of Magazines as well as the Marvel Age of Comics! (And, if you're still nagged by any last, lingering doubts, just sneak a peak at what **BUSCEMA** and company are doing in **SAVAGE TALES** — at our steel-fisted **DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU** title, which is already going monthly by unprecedented popular demand — at our currently-debating science fiction \$1 mag which you've clamored for, long and loud — at our widely acclaimed adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic novel in **DRACULA LIVES** — at **Satana** and at **Gabriel, Devil Hunter**, in the pages of **HAUNT OF HORROR** — and at all the way-out wonderment in mags like **ZOMBIE**, **VAMPIRE TALES**, **CRAZY MONSTERS UNLEASHED**, **MONSTERS OF THE MOVIES** etc. etc. etc. — and maybe you'll get what we're driving at!) See you next month ol' buddy!

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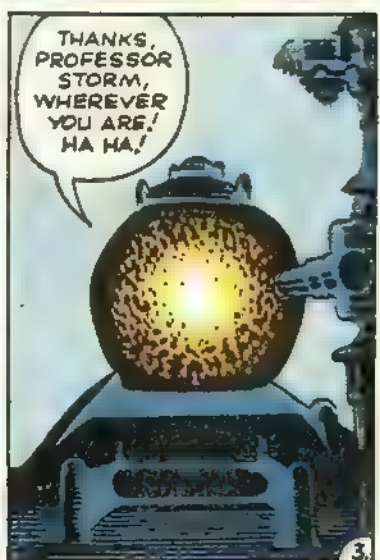
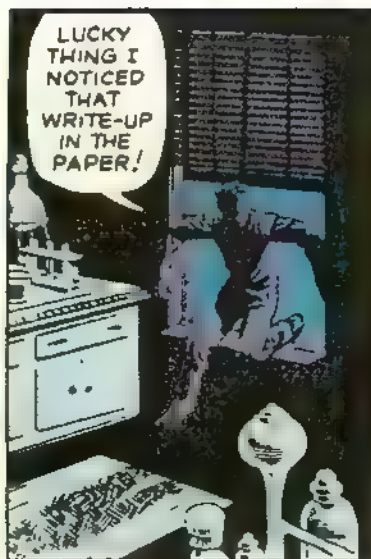
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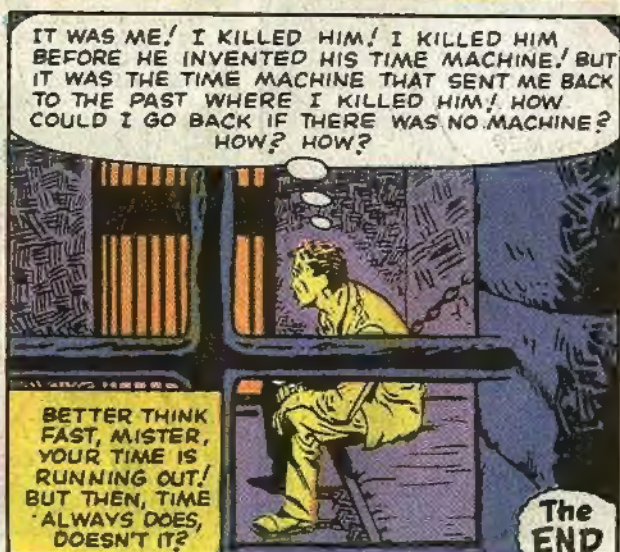
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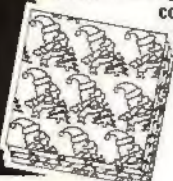


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